

## **Lifespan Respite Care Program**

### **Project Summary**

**Grantee Organization:** Iowa Department on Aging

**State:** Iowa

**Project Period:** August 2012 through August 2015

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#### **Project Overview:**

The Iowa Department on Aging, which administers the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in partnership with the Iowa Respite Coalition and other stakeholders will establish a coordinated Lifespan Respite Program throughout the state over the course of the three-year project. The **goal** of the project is to establish the Lifespan Respite Program through its partnerships by expanding, enhancing, and improving access to respite services.

Planned **objectives** are 1) establish and convene an IDA supported advisory council that includes representation from the Lifespan Respite Coalition, ADRCs, state agencies and consumer representatives; 2) conduct regional focus groups to identify and address strengths/weaknesses and gaps in respite services; 3) identify current training and develop and provide training to respite providers and volunteers; 4) enhance information/referral and access features of [www.lifelonglinks.org](http://www.lifelonglinks.org), Iowa's ADRC virtual access point for consumers and providers; and 5) provide access to crisis respite funds.

#### **Outcomes and Products:**

Anticipated **outcomes** include 1) a sustainable respite advisory council; 2) annually survey respite providers, consumers, and family members and address the findings; 3) annually increase the number of trainings for respite providers/volunteers; 4) enhance and coordinate information and access to respite; and 5) annually review usage and benefits of crisis respite funds.

Anticipated **products** include training, marketing and outreach materials, annual analysis of respite services, enhanced web-based resources, and a sustainability plan for the program.